

# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

*"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."*  
Native American Proverb

## **Meetings and Conferences**

- Aug. 1-6      **Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR**  
For information on the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, to go:  
[\(http://www.esa.org/portland/\)](http://www.esa.org/portland/)
- Aug. 3-4      **State/Tribal Environmental Information Conference, San Francisco, CA**  
Conference registration is now available by sending an email to [eklund.patricia@epa.gov](mailto:eklund.patricia@epa.gov) along with your name, organization, title, address, phone number and fax number.
- Aug. 16-20    **Compost Operator Workshop, Qualla Boundary, NC**  
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will be the host Tribe and the Carolina Composting Council (CCC) of the Carolina Recycling Association is organizing the training. The Workshop will be limited to 45 participants. This training opportunity is designed and intended primarily for 'hands-on' workers. For information and registration forms, fax TASWER at (202) 331-8068 or email [jaquino@taswer.org](mailto:jaquino@taswer.org).
- Oct. 25-26    **Regional Tribal Operation Committee (RTOC)**  
The RTOC will meet at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate in San Francisco, CA prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Region9 Tribal/EPA Conference. For more information, contact Michele Dineyazhe (415) 972-3786 or email [dineyazhe.michele@epa.gov](mailto:dineyazhe.michele@epa.gov)
- Oct. 27-29    **The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference**  
The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate in San Francisco, CA. It will be hosted by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. All forms may be obtained by calling Lela Leyva, Conference Coordinator, (775) 574-1000 ext. 245; FAX (775) 574.1000; [llevya@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:llevya@plpt.nsn.us)
- Oct. 2005:    **The 13<sup>th</sup> Tribal/EPA Conference**  
Picayune Rancheria will co-host the 2005 EPA Tribal Environmental Conference. More information in upcoming newsletters.

## Training

Aug. 11-13 **Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop** will be held at Tennessee State University (Nashville). Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible. Please forward, post, and distribute this email to your colleagues and listserve. All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute. For more information call (888) 824-4424 or visit The Grant Institute Web site at <http://www.thegrantinstitute.com>.

Dec. 14-16 **5<sup>th</sup> National EPA Inspector Workshop, Washington, D.C.**  
We are once again in the process of putting together an agenda/plan for the National EPA Inspector Workshop. Email any suggestions, requests, comments to Mary Wesling, [wesling.mary@epa.gov](mailto:wesling.mary@epa.gov), phone: (415) 972-3080, fax: (415) 947-3520 as soon as you can to ensure that they are considered in the planning process.  
<http://intranet.epa.gov/oeca/oc/campd/inspector/index.html>

### **The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)**

August 17-20 ..... NPDES Inspector Training  
September 14-17. .... Basic Inspector Training

Information on these courses is available from the ITEP/NAU web site  
<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/eci.asp> or by contacting Todd Barbell at (928) 523-3840 or email [Todd.Barnell@nau.edu](mailto:Todd.Barnell@nau.edu).

### **American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP)**

Fall 2004 **Environmental Radiation Monitoring Training for Tribes (ERMTT)** The purpose of the ERMTT program is to assist tribes that are dealing with impact from activities that may result in radiation emissions. These may be impacts from mining, milling, nuclear power production, nuclear waste storage, nuclear research, or any other impact that includes the potential of radiation emissions. Funding from US EPA will provide full participant support for lodging and travel. Also, US EPA will compensate tribal instructors that help develop or teach the course.

Aug. 26-27 TEOM Technical Training II, Las Vegas, NV

Aug. 31 - Sept 2 Indoor Air Quality in Alaska, Bethan AK

Aug. 31 - Sept 3 Introduction to Tribal Air Quality, Lawrence, KS

If interested please contact Mansel A. Nelson, (928) 523-1275 or email [mansel.nelson@nau.edu](mailto:mansel.nelson@nau.edu) or <http://www.nau.edu.eeop/>

### **The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)**

- Aug. 4-5      **Risk Assessment Workshop for Tribal Authorities**  
This workshop is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and ITCA. For more information, call George Little at ITCA (602) 307-1549.
- Aug. 9-13    **Drinking Water Sampling and Water Laboratory Analyst Certification Training for Water and Wastewater Operators**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
4000 N. Central Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85012.  
To obtain a registration form, please call (602) 258-4822. There is no cost for the training; however, the examination will cost \$25.00.

### **Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars for July, August and September 2004 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, Post Office Box 789, Sandia Park, New Mexico 87047 (505) 281-9884 or <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

### **National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

The most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is now available at <http://www.netionline.com>. NETI is also advertising some EPA Regional office-sponsored courses from Regions 4, 5 and 6. Check the Web site for August offerings of some of the most popular enforcement courses such as Basic Inspector, Advanced Inspector, and Advanced Negotiations Skills training.

A catalog and schedule list of videos and CD-ROM courses can be mailed to you free of charge. Go to the Web site and register as a student at EPA's "virtual university," NETI Online, and start class in your own office!

### **Continuing Challenge Workshop**

The Continuing Challenge Workshop will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento beginning September 7. Advancement in hazard materials emergency response are dynamic and this cooperative educational venture for HazMat Responders features classroom sessions, outdoor workshops. For more information call (916) 433-1688.

### **Aug. 17-18 2004 Mercury Workshop**

The U.S. Geological Survey, Eastern Region is sponsoring a two-day workshop on mercury in the environment. The Workshop will provide information for management

of air, land, water, and biological resources of the Department of Interior. The goals of the workshop are to enhance transfer of information on the science of mercury among DOI Bureaus in the Eastern Region, gain greater understanding of the needs of DOI resource managers relative to mercury in the environment, increase communication between the mercury research community and DOI resource managers dealing with mercury impacts, and forge a long-term strategy for mercury research that will benefit DOI resource management.

The workshop will interest DOI land and resource managers who interface between land-management and mercury-contamination concerns, and mercury researchers from all DOI agencies and other relevant federal science agencies involved in mercury study or regulation (e.g., NOAA, USEPA). Registration and information on the 2004 Mercury Workshop are available at:

<http://westnilemaps.usgs.gov/mercuryworkshop>

If you cannot access the Web site but are interested in the program, please email John Colman, the workshop coordinator, at [jacolman@usgs.gov](mailto:jacolman@usgs.gov)

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Smart Growth and Brownfield Redevelopment**

The US EPA requests proposals to support the efforts of communities to integrate smart growth principles and practices into their brownfield redevelopment programs, related planning and/or revitalization activities. Areas of interest include but are not limited to: (1) Improving the regulatory climate for infill development through smart growth policy approaches and practices; and (2) Linking infill development to open space preservation. \$400K expected to be available, 8 awards anticipated.

Responses due August 25, 2004. For more info, contact Kackar Adhir, EPA, at [kackar.adhir@epa.gov](mailto:kackar.adhir@epa.gov) or go to:

[http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/pdf/2004\\_sgbf\\_rfipfinal.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/pdf/2004_sgbf_rfipfinal.pdf). Refer to Sol# SGBF-04. (FedGrants 6/24/04)

### **Smart Growth Networks**

The US EPA seeks proposals for creating or expanding three or more regional networks of diverse groups, including developer interests, environmental groups, business groups, citizen activist groups, public agencies, and other stakeholders, that work together to research, identify, and support smart growth projects and public policies development projects. First year funding \$25K, \$400K expected over life of the agreement. 1 award anticipated. Responses due August 30, 2004. For more info, contact Megan Susman, EPA, at [susman.megan@epa.gov](mailto:susman.megan@epa.gov) or go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/pdf/sgnet.pdf>.

Refer to Sol# SIGNET-04.

## **Miscellaneous Items**

US EPA Region 9 has opened a new Southern California Field Office in Los Angeles. at 600 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1460, Los Angeles CA, phone (213) 244-1800. Located in downtown Los. Angeles, the new Field Office has a staff of ten who work in a

variety of environmental protection programs, such as emergency response, Superfund community involvement, the Clean Water Act, and with press/media. The Field Office will not include staff that work on tribal programs at this time, but the Field Office is available for use by Region 9 staff, so may be used to hold meetings or other EPA activities involving tribal members and programs.

## **Web sites for Tribal Programs and other EPA Programs:**

EPA Region 9

[http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross\\_pr/indian/newslet.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html)

American Indian Environmental Office (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/indian>

Office of Compliance (EPA)

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance>

National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse

<http://www.epa.gov/clearinghouse>

Pollution Prevention & Environ. Mgmt Systems

<http://www.epa.gov/p2>

Tribal Court Clearinghouse

<http://www.tribal-institute.org>

National Tribal Environmental Council

~~<http://www.4.nau.edu/itop/>~~



Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

<http://www.itcaonline.com>

Federal Indian Law Handbook

<http://www.thorpe.ou.edu/cohen/html>

National Tribal Justice Resource Center

<http://www.tribalresourcescenter.org>

National Congress of American Indians

<http://www..ncai.org>

World Health Organization SARS

<http://www.who.int/en>

Center for Disease Control

<http://www.cdc.gov>

ITCA's Tribal Air National ListServ

[TribalAir-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TribalAir-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

If you have information or corrections or know of resources that you want to submit to the TPN, please contact:

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